

June 15, 2021

The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
304 Dirksen Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Jeff Merkley
United States Senate
313 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Re: Brewery support for the River Democracy Act of 2021

Dear Senators Wyden and Merkley,

We, the undersigned business owners, applaud the introduction of the River Democracy Act of 2021 and thank you for your leadership to protect the Oregon rivers and waterways that provide our great state with clean drinking water, amazing recreation opportunities, and critical habitat for wildlife.

Craft brewing is one of Oregon's great industries. According to the Oregon Brewers Guild, each year, the Oregon brewing industry supports more than 31,000 jobs directly and indirectly and contributes \$4.49 billion to the state's economy. And Oregon craft brewing companies give back to their communities, donating millions of dollars to Oregon-based causes. The numbers don't lie: Oregon craft brewing companies lead the nation and that's in part because we have a vital and healthy place to produce our beer. People choose to live in Oregon for the natural beauty of our rivers and outdoor spaces, and many build their livelihoods around the thriving beer industry.

Our breweries – along with our amazing outdoor areas – are also a huge tourism draw, and a visit to our breweries often go hand in hand with adventures in the outdoors. Enjoying an Oregon beer after landing a fish, finishing a paddle, or making it back to the campsite after a good hike can be a singular moment and this legislation can help ensure that those moments can be enjoyed now and in the future. Moreover, the addition of nearly 4,700 miles of Oregon rivers and streams throughout the state to the National Wild and Scenic Rivers system will protect the waterways that fuel our economy.

We appreciate the hard work and the years of consultation that went into crafting this bill to ensure that it represents the wishes and goals of Oregonians across the state. In these difficult times, it seems like exploring our majestic outdoors and enjoying a good beer is something upon which we can all agree. Thank you for introducing the River Democracy Act of 2021 and know that Oregon brewers stand with you as you work to pass this bill.

Sincerely, the undersigned,

ForeLand Beer - Yamhill County
Fort George Brewery - Clatsop County
Misty Mountain Brewing - Curry County
Heater Allen Brewing - Yamhill County
Worthy Brewing - Deschutes County
Gigantic Brewing Company - Multnomah County
Wayfinder Beer - Multnomah County
Ecliptic Brewing - Multnomah County
Breakside Brewery - Multnomah County
Silver Falls Brewery - Marion County

Migration Brewing Co. - Multnomah County
Vertigo Brewing & Taproom - Washington County
Conner Fields Brewing - Josephine County
Walkabout Brewing Company - Jackson County
pFriem Family Brewers - Hood River County
Deschutes Brewery - Deschutes County River
Drifters - Wasco County
Chetco Brewing Company - Curry County
Yachats Brewing LLC - Lincoln County
Block 15 Brewing Co. - Benton County
Alesong Brewing & Blending - Douglas County
Boneyard Beer - Deschutes County
Fire on the Mountain - Multnomah County
Barn Door Brewing - Yamhill County
Oakshire Brewing - Lane County
Vanguard Brewing Company - Clackamas County
Smockville Brewhouse - Washington County
Kobold Brewing - Deschutes County
Oregon City Brewing Company - Clackamas County
Lucky Labrador Brewing - Multnomah County
Freebridge Brewing - Wasco County
Golden Valley Brewery & Restaurant - Washington County
Blossom Barn Cidery - Josephine County
Sasquatch Brewery - Multnomah County
Terminal Gravity Brewing, Inc. - Wallowa County
The Ale Apothecary - Deschutes County
The Wheel Apizza Pub - Lane County
Ninkasi Brewing Company - Lane County
Santiam Brewing Company - Marion County
Little Beast Brewing - Multnomah County
Mazama Brewing Company - Washington County
Falling Sky Brewing - Lane County
Seaside Brewery - Clatsop County
7 Devils Brewing Co. - Coos County
Great Notion Brewing - Multnomah County
Double Mountain Brewery & Cidery - Hood River County
Running Dogs Brewery - Columbia County
Side A Brewing - Union County
Sunriver Brewing Company - Deschutes County
Kells Brew Pub - Multnomah County
Deluxe Brewing Co - Linn County